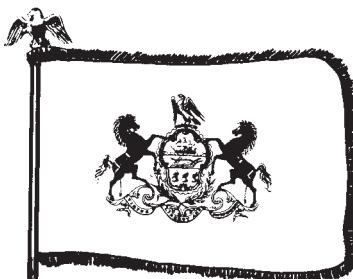


State Flag



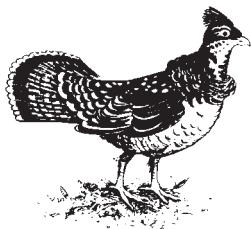
Pennsylvania's State Flag is composed of a blue field, on which is embroidered the State Coat of Arms. The flag is flown from all state buildings, and further display on any public building within the Commonwealth is provided for by law. The first State Flag bearing the State Coat of Arms was authorized by the General Assembly in 1799. During the Civil War, many Pennsylvania regiments carried flags modeled after the U.S. Flag, but substituted Pennsylvania's Coat of Arms for the field of stars. An act of the General Assembly of June 13, 1907, standardized the flag and required that the blue field match the blue of Old Glory.

State Animal



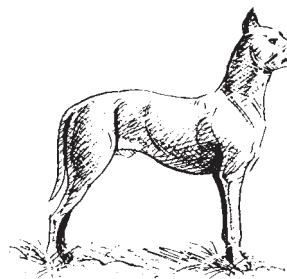
The Whitetail Deer is the official state animal, as enacted by the General Assembly on October 2, 1959.

State Game Bird



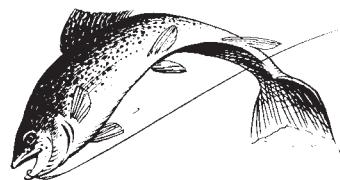
The Ruffed Grouse is the state game bird, as enacted by the General Assembly on June 22, 1931. The Pennsylvania ruffed grouse, sometimes called the partridge, is distinguished by its plump body, feathered legs, and mottled reddish-brown color. This protective coloring makes it possible for the ruffed grouse to conceal itself in the wilds.

State Dog



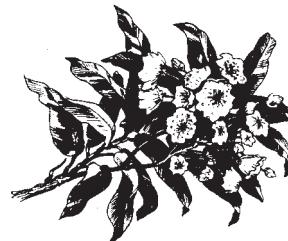
The Great Dane is the state dog, as enacted by the General Assembly on August 15, 1965.

State Fish



The Brook Trout is the state fish, as enacted by the General Assembly on March 9, 1970.

State Flower



The Mountain Laurel is the state flower, as enacted by the General Assembly on May 5, 1933. The mountain laurel is in full bloom in mid-June, when Pennsylvania's woodlands are filled with its distinctive pink flower.

State Insect



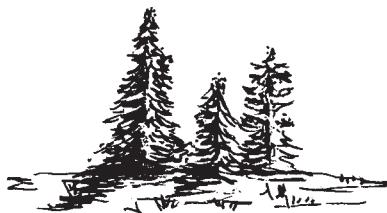
The Firefly is the state insect, as enacted by the General Assembly on April 10, 1974. Act 130 of December 5, 1988, designated the particular species of firefly "Photinus Pennsylvanicus De Geer" as the official state insect.

State Beverage



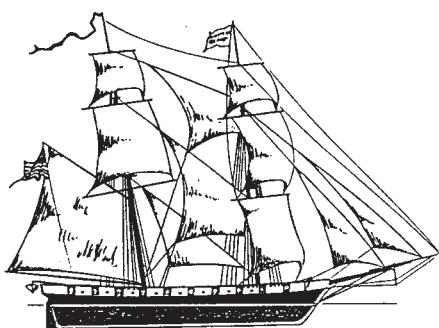
Milk is the official state beverage, as enacted by the General Assembly on April 29, 1982.

State Tree



The Hemlock is the state tree, as enacted by the General Assembly on June 23, 1931.

State Ship



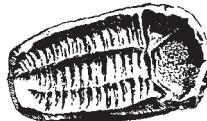
The restored United States Brig Niagara is the Flagship of Pennsylvania, as enacted by the General Assembly on May 26, 1988. The Flagship Niagara, under Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, was decisive in the Battle of Lake Erie, defeating a British squadron September 10, 1813. Its home port is Erie.

State Plant



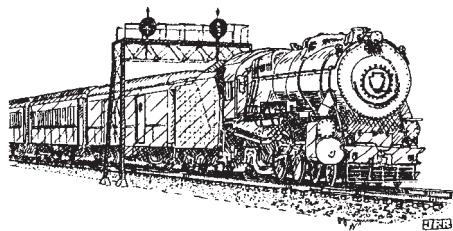
The Pennsylvanite Crownvetch is the official beautification and conservation plant, as enacted by the General Assembly on June 17, 1982.

State Fossil



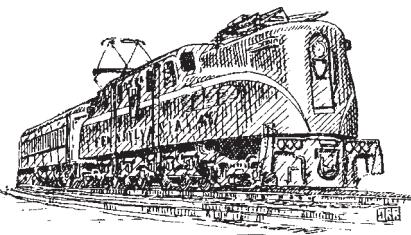
Phacops rana (a small water animal) is the state fossil, as enacted by the General Assembly on December 5, 1988.

State Steam Locomotive



The Pennsylvania Railroad K4s is the state steam locomotive, as enacted by the General Assembly on December 18, 1987. More than four hundred models of this class of locomotive were built between 1914 and 1928. This type of engine served as the main power for Pennsylvania Railroad passenger trains for thirty years. The two surviving K4s locomotives are owned by railroad museums in Strasburg and Altoona.

State Electric Locomotive



The Pennsylvania Railroad GG1 Locomotive Number 4859 is the state electric locomotive, as enacted by the General Assembly on December 18, 1987. Built at Altoona in 1937, this high-speed engine powered regular passenger trains and World War II troop trains, as well as coal, freight, and commuter runs in later years, remaining active until 1979. Restored in 1986, it is on display at the Harrisburg Transportation Center.